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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Wednesday 03 August to 1800 UTC Thursday 04 August 2011

General Situation

The British Isles will remain under a slack airflow with generally light winds bringing fog in places. However, an area of heavy rain and strong winds is expected to move east over southern parts during Thursday, clearing to a showery northwesterly flow on Friday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming easterly 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first northwest of Orkney.

Rain or showers, fog banks.

Poor or very poor, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly becoming cyclonic then westerly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 at times later.

Smooth or slight in Moray Firth, otherwise mainly slight becoming moderate.

Rain or showers, fog banks for a time.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming mainly good later.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly southeasterly 3 or less, increasing 4 at times.

Smooth or slight.

Rain or showers, fog banks.

Poor or very poor, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Mainly southeasterly veering westerly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 at times later.

Slight, becoming moderate later near Rattray Head.

Rain then showers, fog banks at first.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming mainly good later.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly southeasterly 3 or less, increasing 4 at times.

Smooth or slight.

Rain, fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Mainly southeasterly veering westerly 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times later.

Smooth or slight.

Rain with fog patches at first, showers later.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly southeasterly 3 or less, increasing 4 at times.

Smooth or slight.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming westerly 3 or less, increasing 4 at times.

Smooth or slight.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly southerly or southeasterly, 3 or less, occasionally 4, increasing 5 or 6 at times later in south.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in south.

Showers then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Mainly southerly veering westerly 3 or 4, but 5 or 6 at first in south.

Mainly slight, occasionally moderate in south.

Rain, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in east, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Rain, showers later.

Moderate or poor, becoming mainly good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Mainly southwesterly, backing southerly for a time, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Rain, fog patches for a time, showers later.

Moderate or good, becoming poor or very poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Mainly west or southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time in east, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near headlands in west.

Rain, fog patches for a time, showers later.

Moderate or good, becoming poor or very poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times near headlands in far west.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near headlands in far west.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Mainly southerly veering westerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in west.

Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough in Bristol Channel.

Rain, fog patches for a time, showers later.

Moderate or good, becoming poor or very poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times around headlands in southwest.

Moderate, occasionally rough in Bristol Channel.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel

24 hour forecast:

Mainly southeasterly veering southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time in west.

Slight or moderate.

Rain, , showers later.

Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight, occasionally moderate in south.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming easterly 3 or 4, veering southwesterly later.

Smooth or slight.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 at times later.

Mainly slight.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast, veering southwest later, 3 or 4.

Slight.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 3 or 4, veering northwest 4 or 5 for a time.

Slight.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Mainly southeasterly, becoming cyclonic then westerly later, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times around headlands in east.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first in northwest.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time later in north.

Slight, occasionally moderate in north.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first in east.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel

24 hour forecast:

Mainly southeasterly, veering westerly later, 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time.
Slight, occasionally moderate near Mull of Kintyre.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times around headlands in west.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

Mainly easterly becoming variable then westerly 3 or less, increasing 4 at times.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first in west.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Mainly west or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 3 or less, increasing 4 or 5.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate in west.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

The Minch

24 hour forecast:

Variable or northeasterly 3 or less, increasing 4 at times.
Smooth or slight.
Rain or showers.
Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming cyclonic then northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5, increasing 6 at times later.
Smooth or slight.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath

24 hour forecast:

Variable or northeasterly 3 or less, increasing 4 at times.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or showers.
Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming cyclonic then northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5, increasing 6 at times later.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland

Valid Wednesday 03 Aug 2011 at 1800 UTC until Thursday 04 Aug 2011 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A moist mainly southeasterly airstream covers Shetland waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

Easterly or southeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 2 in west.

Slight.

Fog banks, isolated shower.

Poor or very poor becoming moderate at times in eastern waters.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Thursday 04 Aug until 1800 UTC on Thursday 04 Aug:

Easterly or southeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in east later.

Slight.

Fog patches clearing, rain later.

moderate or poor, occasionally very poor at first.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 2 or 3 increasing 4 to 5 by late evening then 5 to 6 tomorrow morning, veering west decreasing 4 to 5 in the afternoon.

Slight becoming moderate, locally rather rough in the north for a time.

Rain and drizzle from mid-evening, locally heavy tomorrow with a risk of fog patches, clearing by mid-afternoon.

Good becoming moderate to poor then good again later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West to northwest 4, occasionally 5, decreasing 3 to 4 by Friday afternoon.

Moderate becoming slight.

Rather cloudy becoming fair on Friday.

Good.

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